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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Generally cloudy to night and Wednesday, local frosts in the east portion tonight.

ADOPT PLAN
FOR ANNUAL
HOME-COMING

May Be Given This Summer in Connection with Reunion of Pioneers

COMMITTEE WILL
DECIDE DETAILS

Matter Discussed During Forum Luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce Today at Noon.

La Grande will have an annual mid-season home-coming event. That much, at least, was decided at today's chamber of commerce luncheon in the La Grande hotel. The vote, which followed a motion by Fred B. Curry and some discussion, was unanimous.

The only other action taken today was to give the committee in charge, headed by A. W. Nelson, power to act on working out the various details of the affair.

This came just before adjournment, after a more or less spirited discussion, in which several members of the chamber participated.

One Charge Evinc
The sense of the meeting was that there should be at least one charge event during the home-coming, according to Mr. Nelson, whose committee will begin its labors with that in mind.

Two plans were originally presented. One called for expenditure of about \$1,500 and for a reunion, an address by a national speaker, and the general home-coming. The second plan, to cost about \$3,000, would add some evening events to the first plan. A prize fight, fireworks, or something of a similar nature was suggested.

The Committee
The committee, besides the chairman, consists of H. E. Brady, W. O. Clinker, Fred B. Curry, Ralph Huron, H. P. Matthews, Ray Price, W. H. Vaughn and Albert Hunter.

The chamber of commerce will not handle the matter alone. Already the La Grande Realty board and the American Legion have offered to take charge of part of the home-coming. The legion is willing to sponsor an evening show, and the realtors are eager to sponsor a house to house solicitation with the object of having every household in La Grande send out letters advertising the home-coming and inviting attendance to it.

A plan was also suggested today, by Mr. Bohman, a member of the realty board, to seek 100 memberships from La Grande families. These details, however, will all be worked out by the committee and what is considered the best plan will be adopted and then presented to the chamber for endorsement. Other organizations are also expected to lend their aid.

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La Grande Team
Signs Buckner,
St. Louis Hurler

Fans Will See Pirates in Action Sunday Against Umatilla Indians in a Game Here.

Nolan Buckner, big league pitcher who is at present a hold out from the St. Louis Browns, has been signed by the La Grande club of the Blue Mountain league, according to announcement by Harris French, manager, this morning.

Signing of Buckner, actually occurred some time ago, but announcement was withheld until final arrangements were made.

With Buckner, will come Graham Robertson, an outfielder who is not only a "sure-fire" gardener but also wields a wicked bat. From present indications the Pirates will be a slugging outfit from start to finish.

A first workout will be held at the ball field tomorrow from 12:30 until 2 and it is expected that every player will be on hand at that time. New uniforms have arrived.

To Play Sunday
Next Sunday, Apr. 15, the Umatilla Indians, who were in the Blue Mountain league last year, will play an exhibition game here and this will be the first time that La Grande fans will have an opportunity to see their 1928 entry in action.

Buckner is the only regular pitcher yet signed. Lefty Hartman was to have come but disagreed on salary. La Grande expects to sign a relief pitcher shortly and is also angling for a playing manager.

Behind the bat will be Baker, a catcher who has played considerable organized baseball and whose services are valued highly by Mr. French. He, too, hits.

The infield has been built up to a high point and, although some new men have been signed, announcement of all names has not yet been given. Both Spud Helm, shortstop, and Tex Knight, first baseman, are trying out for positions. Stokke, formerly of the Timber league, is one of the newcomers.

Strong Outfield
In the outfield, besides Robertson, Jerry Goleman, with the Salem Senators last year, will bolster up the club. Goleman led the Western Oregon league in hitting last year.

Buckner, who stands six feet two inches tall and weighs 170 pounds, was with St. Louis part of the last two years—when Rego, Portland Beaver catcher, was on their payroll. Although he refused to sign with St. Louis this year, he has not yet received a release so is still in the status of a big league holdout. Buckner is to arrive here tomorrow.

Hit at Fast Clip
Buckner was farmed out to the Western association, where he took a regular turn in the hot for Oklahoma. During the first half of the 1928 season Buckner hit .386, a very respectable average for a pitcher. In one game, his hitting eluded the contest. Four hits were turned in that day by the slugging pitcher, newspaper box scores show.

Buckner is married and his home is in Pullerton, Cal. He had several offers from Class A baseball teams this year, but La Grande was more attractive to him. Buckner is 22 years of age and is regarded as a comer. Although the Blue Mountain league is no in or out of town rival and friends, by Mr. Bohman, a member of the realty board, to seek 100 memberships from La Grande families. These details, however, will all be worked out by the committee and what is considered the best plan will be adopted and then presented to the chamber for endorsement. Other organizations are also expected to lend their aid.

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FRED WAGNER
CRUSHED BY
HUGE TIMBER

Accident at Hilgard Yesterday Afternoon Is Fatal to Workman

FUNERAL TO BE
HELD TOMORROW

Jack Slipped, Letting 3-Ton Bridge Timber Fall Onto His Body, Reports Say.

Fred Wagner, 35 years of age, was fatally wounded yesterday when he was pinned by a bridge timber near Hilgard, which crushed him so badly about the hips that he died about 8 o'clock in the grande Ronde hospital, about an hour and a half after he was brought here.

The accident occurred at one of the Mt. Emily Lumber company bridge camps, known as the "Saw-on-Hill" camp, according to information given Hal Hohenkamp, of the firm of Hunter and Hohenkamp, who are in charge of the body.

Mr. Wagner, it is said, was working with the timbers and went in to move a blocking. A jack slipped and let a three-ton timber fall onto him, crushing his body. The timber was 16 by 32 inches and 42 feet long.

Locomotive Is Used
The locomotive was used to rush Mr. Wagner to Hilgard and there the Hunter & Hohenkamp ambulance brought him the rest of the way to La Grande. The accident occurred about 4 o'clock.

Mr. Wagner leaves to mourn his loss his wife, a son, Jess Wagner, of Elgin, and two married daughters, Mrs. Eula Quisenberry, of Elgin, and Mrs. Helen McDowell, of Hilgard. He is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. Emma Lee Imbler of Portland, Mrs. Ella Litch of Hilgard, Mrs. Anna Hunt, of Umatilla, and Mrs. Grace Barron, of Richland, Ore.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Christian church at Elgin. Burial will be in the Summerville cemetery.

**BRESHEARS FILES
FOR RE-ELECTION**

Is Last of County Officers to Enter Primaries—Few Voters Register

Jessie Breshears, incumbent, this morning filed his declaration of candidacy for sheriff of Union county in the county clerk's office. Sheriff Breshears filed on the republican ticket and so far is opposed for the position. He has served as sheriff for the last four years and has been very successful in his work.

He is the last of the county officers, whose terms expire this year, to file. Others who have declared that they will be candidates for re-election are W. W. Stevens, county commissioner; Dr. P. L. Babson, coroner; Mrs. Florence Carson, county treasurer; Dr. H. J. McCormick, county clerk; and E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent. All are republicans.

Fishermen To Begin Annual War on Finny Tribe on
Next Sunday; Glowing Reports Come From Wallowa

Fishermen, who have been watching the weather with as much if not more concern than the farmers, are beginning to smile a little.

The reason? Next Sunday, April 15, at sun-up, marks the opening of the 1928 season and from then on until November 30, trout and their finny brethren will be in danger.

If the weather doesn't get too warm and flood the streams with muddy water, and if the weather isn't too disagreeable, an armada of many score disciples of Isaac Walton is indicated for Saturday night and Sunday. Several, who remember fishing with of former years, may leave Saturday night as late as to be on the banks of the stream when the first rays of the sun appear over the horizon.

All streams in Union county that were formerly closed have been opened to fishermen, although this was not the case in Wallowa county.

The Bag Limits
The bag limits in all lakes in this part of the state except Elk lake and Lake of the Woods are practically the same. In these two lakes limits are set at 20 fish, or 10 pounds and one fish, in any one day and 40 fish, or 20 pounds and one fish, in any consecutive day.

Small Crowd At
Benefit Concert
By L. H. S. Band

Thirty-Five Piece Organization Scores—All Numbers Enthusiastically Applauded.

Although the crowd was not large the La Grande high school band presented a program which was declared to be exceptionally fine last night in the auditorium of the high school building, and every number was enthusiastically received by the listeners.

The 35-piece band, under the direction of W. W. Nushahn, played the first part of the program which included a march "United America" by Weber, and overture "Fortuna" by Zameenik, "Indian Trail" by De Lamar, and "The Mill in the Forest" by Ellensborg, and so great was the applause following each number that the band responded again and again with encore numbers.

Several individuals participated in the second part of the program. Colon R. Elberhard, members of the school board, made a short talk, telling of the purpose of the concert, which was a benefit to raise funds to help take the band to Corvallis for the state high school band contest April 14, and of the value to the town of having such an organization represent it in the contest.

Several Solos
Tom Bruce sang a solo, Robert Guild played a piano solo, Miss Ruth Johnson gave a reading, E. E. Hurley sang a solo and Leland Hage played a cornet solo, and all responded with encore numbers.

The last part of the program consisted of three numbers which the band will play in the band contest. The first is a march "Rifle Rangers" by King, the second an overture, "Berlin in Smiles and Tears" by Coprad, which every high school

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FIRST OF ROAD
PETITIONS IS
SIGNED, FILED

The first of the petitions sent out Saturday asking that a special road bond issue, amounting to \$440,000, be placed on the ballot at the primary election May 15, was received this morning at the county clerk's office. The petition came from the North Powder section of the county and was signed by 145 persons, which is considered a large number for that district.

Although the petition from the Starkey district has not yet been received the report is that every one living in that section has signed the petition, except two persons who were not at home when the committee circulated the petition called. It is also reported that the petitions being circulated in the La Grande section are meeting with success.

The petitions are supposed to be in the hands of the county clerk by tomorrow afternoon, at which time they may be checked over previous to the adjourned meeting of the county court, which will be held Saturday, April 14, at the court house to authorize the bond issue being placed on the ballot.

Clarence Brazell
Denied New Trial

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 10 (AP)—Clarence Brazell, convicted of vice activities in Portland and sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary, today was denied a new trial by Judge Arlie Walker, of McMinnville, before whom the case was tried.

Brazell's attorneys are expected to appeal the case to the state supreme court.

**WINTER WHEAT
BELOW NORMAL
OVER NATION**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10 (AP)—The condition of the winter wheat crop on April 1, the department of agriculture announced today, was 6.8 per cent of a normal, a decrease of 17.2 points from Dec. 1 last.

The winter wheat condition compared with 84.5 per cent on April 1 last year, 84.1 two years ago and 81.9 the average condition for the last ten years on April 1. There was a decrease in condition from Dec. 1 to April 1 of 17.2 points compared with an average decrease of 2.1 points between those dates in the last ten years.

**McKenzie Pass Is
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EDMONT, Ore., Apr. 10 (AP)—Severe storms on the summit of the Cascade mountains in the last two weeks brought more than eight feet of new snow, completely stopping all attempts of the state highway department to open McKenzie pass with a rotary snow-plow, according to word received here today from Sisters.

During the storm a total of 57 inches of new snow fell since the last of March, the message stated.

FLOODS FATAL TO NINE
MOSCOW, Apr. 10 (AP)—River floods have caused great damage in Transcaucasia, one Armenian village being overwhelmed and nine persons drowned.

Railway traffic is seriously disrupted in the southern Transcaucasian region.

TO NEW YORK, OR—HEAVEN!



They'll fly to "Mitchell Field, Long Island, or Heaven" says the monocoiled Baron Ehrenfried Guenther von Huenfeldt (left) and Captain Hermann Koehl. Below is a picture of the German plane Bremen, now waiting for a take off at Baldonnel Airfield, Ireland.

BALDONNEL AIRFIELD, Irish Free State, Apr. 10 (AP)—The German plane Bremen will not start its transatlantic flight today.

A stormy Atlantic still frowns on the Bremen's venture. The weather report received in Ireland this morning was unfavorable.

**Power Company.
Merger Beaten
By 2-to-1 Vote**

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 10 (AP)—Proposed merger of the Northwest Electric company with the Portland Electric Power company, submitted to the voters of Portland at a special election yesterday, was rejected by more than two to one vote. The complete vote was 14,517 for the merger and 30,028 against; majority against of 15,511.

**Farm Bill Still
Does Not Please
Coolidge, Report**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10 (AP)—President "Coolidge" believed that nothing has occurred to make the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill conform to his ideas of constitutionality.

In the president's judgment, the bill in now drafted contains a large number of provisions he found necessary to criticize in his veto but chief among these is the "equalization" fee.

Mr. Coolidge, however, is very anxious that some take some kind of positive action for the relief of the farmer after the lines which he had consistently maintained in his messages to congress and in public addresses.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10 (AP)—All perishable commodities, fruits and vegetables particularly would be excluded from provisions of the pending McNary-Haugen farm bill under an amendment accepted today by the senate without a record vote.

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Dawes' Name In
Ohio Campaign
Next To Lowden

Willis Candidates May Switch to Vice President—Hoover Attacked Farm Group.

CLEVELAND, Apr. 10 (AP)—The name of Charles G. Dawes was thrown into the Ohio presidential delegate campaign today following the announcement of Ralph D. Cole of Findlay, that he and 33 other Willis candidates for delegates would vote for Dawes "if and when the opportunity presented itself."

Cole and the 33 delegates are pledged to former Gov. Frank Lowden of Illinois, for first choice, but if they see he has no chance for nomination, Cole said they would switch to Dawes.

Cole spoke in Cleveland last night in the interest of Willis candidate delegates to the republican national convention.

HOOPER ATTACKED
WASHINGTON, Apr. 10 (AP)—Herbert Hoover and his attitude toward agriculture was the target today for another attack by a group of farm leaders who contended a misleading effort was being made to represent the commerce secretary as a friend of the farmer.

"The American farm suffered too much at the hands of Herbert Hoover," said a statement bearing the names of six farmer representatives, "to view with complacency the effort to make him appear as a farmer's friend candidate."

The statement, appearing in the form of a pamphlet headed "Report of farmers' committee on the farm record of Herbert Hoover," carried the names of the following as its drafters: Charles S. Weller, chairman of the South Dakota agricultural committee; J. H. Kimble, legislative agent, farmers national congress; Robert M. Crowder, president South Dakota Farm Bureau; C. E. Huff, president Kansas Farmers Union; Ralph Snyder, president Kansas Farm Bureau and Mrs. W. B. Doak, vice chairman, Federated Farm Women of America.

"This statement is presented in the interest of no candidate," the pamphlet said. "This discussion of Hoover is entirely impersonal. It is a statement made necessary by misleading propaganda to set forth the understanding and attitude of the farmers generally on Hoover—

a candidate—so that he may not be fooled into the nomination on any ground except the correct one as far as farmers are concerned."

The statement assailed the course pursued by Hoover as war, time food administrator and declared that "his nomination should be made as the candidate of the chambers of commerce and big business men and not as the candidate of the farm organizations and the long suffering tillers of the soil."

It also called for a clear cut expedition on farm relief from the commerce secretary.

**50-50 League In
United Kingdom
Opens 'Sex War'**

LONDON, Apr. 10 (AP)—The enfranchising of all women at the age of 21 has brought into existence the "Fifty-Fifty league" whose members want to do something to offset the placing of men voters in a minority in the United Kingdom.

The league stands for the emancipation of men from feminist domination and it has issued a manifesto headed "The sex war."

The league contends that as women will now be in a position to dictate the country's policy, they must be prepared to accept the logical consequences.

The manifesto therefore demands that immediately political power in the country is transferred from men to women.

(1) Women shall be liable to military conscription on exactly the same terms and conditions as men are or may be liable thereto.

(2) All sex privileges, concessions and immunities presently enjoyed by women shall be withdrawn.

(3) All laws and practices which relieve women of the economic consequences of their acts shall be annulled.

(4) The marriage laws and all customs and usages which arise therefrom shall be rectified.

**Queen Victoria
Is Critically Ill**

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 10 (AP)—Queen Victoria, who has been ill for some time at her residence in Rome, is understood to have taken a turn for the worse. She is 62 years old. King Gustav and Princess Wilhelmina have gone to her bedside.

Four burned to death in Chicago

CHICAGO VOTE
BRINGS GUNS
INTO ACTION

War Correspondents Invade City from Out-of-Town Newspapers

PRIMARY ELECTION
SEES VIOLENCE

Kidnapings and Shooting Occur Early in Day—Minor Disorders Also Are Reported.

CHICAGO, Apr. 10 (AP)—The war correspondents came to town today to report the primary election.

Reporters from a score of out-of-town newspapers were here today to give their impressions of a Chicago election and some of them were prepared for the worst.

One newspaper man who registered at a hotel housing headquarters of one of the warring factions promptly moved to another hotel as soon as he learned the fact.

Another who had orders to visit some of the precincts and tell what he saw at the polls inquired as to the location of a few that "were not too rough just as a beginning."

Bombings and snailpays were what the visiting newspaper men were expecting and some of them frankly admitted they would be disappointed if they missed it. One careful reporter assigned to a political meeting last night left his watch and most of his money in his hotel, when he took a taxi both ways to keep out of the possible line of fire.

PLENTY OF VIOLENCE
CHICAGO, Apr. 10 (AP)—One shooting, several kidnapings, slushings, ballot box stuffing and minor disorders were reported today less than an hour after the polls had opened at the close of Chicago's hottest and most vituperative primary campaign.

The sun shone bright as more than a million voters started to the polls and election officials said that the fine weather, added to the high interest in the campaign would result in a heavy republican vote. Interest in the democratic primary was not so intense because heads of the ticket were for the most part unopposed.

Alderman Missing
Before the polls had opened Timothy Hoff, chairman recently indicted for violation of federal prohibition laws and candidate for republican committeeman on the ticket of Mayor Thompson, was reported missing and his headquarters believed he had been kidnapped.

R. T. Taylor, a Deneen precinct committeeman, was kidnapped by several men who forced him into their automobile as he was delivering ballots, beat him severely then shoved him out into the street.

Squads of detectives were rushed to several precincts shortly after the polls had opened on reports that election officials were permitting the stuffing of ballot boxes.

Negro Shot
A negro was shot, another kidnapped and a third reported kidnapped in election disputes in the twentieth ward in the negro district.

The negro was shot in the arm as he was his way to the polls. The most trouble during the early hours was reported from the twentieth ward where hoodlums were reported chasing voters away from the polls. Detective squads and election officials were sent to

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HAL E. HOSS
FILES; WALLOWA
MAN CANDIDATE

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 10 (AP)—Hal E. Hoss, of Oregon City, has filed with the state department his declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state. His slogan is "trained in business and state administration," endorsed by 121 newspapers.

Hoss declares that if elected he will urge that as far as possible all state business go to Oregon producers and firms.

Other candidates filing yesterday afternoon were:

A. R. Chubb Jr., Baker, democrat, for delegate from the second congressional district to the national convention.

T. C. Johnson, Wallowa, republican, for representative from Union and Wallowa counties.

HIMELWRIGHT FILES
ENTERPRISE, Ore., Apr. 10—Fred C. Himelwright, master of the Wallowa county Pomona grange, and an energetic young farmer living near Joseph, has filed for the nomination for state representative on the republican ticket. One other aspirant for the nomination on this ticket is O. F. Campbell, superintendent of schools at Wallowa.